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SUBJ: KOREANS FROM JAPAN VISIT JOINT SECURITY AREA

1. ON APRIL 14 TWO KOREAN RESIDENTS FROM JAPAN WHO HAVE FIGURED IN RECENT PRESS STORIES ABOUT ALLEGED ATTEMPTS AT FORCED REPATRIATION TO NORTH KOREA, MISS KIM MI-HYE AND MISS KIM HAENG-GANG, VISITED JOINT SECURITY AREA ON SCHEDULED KOREA TOURIST BUREAU TOUR. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO NEWSMEN FROM KOREA BORADCASTING SERVICE.

2. WHEN GROUP WAS IN ARMISTICE COMMISSION BUILDING, KBS MEN CONDUCTED TV INTERVIEW. GROUP THEN PROCEEDED TO OBSERVATION POINT, WHERE VISITORS WERE FILMED OVERLOOKING NORTH, APPARENTLY OVERCOME BY EMOTION.

3. UNC PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE HAS ADVISED KBS AND KOREA OVERSEAS INFORMATION SERVICE THAT UNC OPPOSES USE OF MAC FACILITIES FOR INTERVIEWS OF THIS SORT AND THE TWO SERVICES HAVE AGREED NOT TO USE FILM FROM MAC BUILDING, BUT DO PLAN TO USE PICTURES TAKEN OBSERVATION POST. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT WIRE SERVICES MAY HAVE REPORTED STORY OVERSEAS. NORTH KOREANS WERE NOT IN
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EVIDENCE WHEN GROUP WAS IN MAC BUILDING AND THERE IS NO INDICATION THEY ARE AWARE OF THE INCIDENTS.

4. WE DO NOT VIEW INCIDENT AS A SERIOUS ONE BUT WE PLAN TO ADVISE ROKG THAT USE OF MAC FACILITIES FOR PUBLICITY-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES IS CONTRARY TO U.S. AND ROK INTERESTS.

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